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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" This is a sort of *ad hoc* system."

Representations from the kisans of Chidambaram taluk.

* 413 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received representation, in any form, from the kisans of Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district, requesting the Government to extend the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952, to their taluk; and if so, what action the Government have taken thereon? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Two representations were received in January 1953 on behalf of the agriculturists of Chidambaram taluk praying for the extension of the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952 to their taluk. The question whether the Act should be extended to other areas particularly to Chidambaram taluk is engaging the attention of the Government."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that a grave situation is developing in the area due to brutal atrocities of the police, such as hunting, harassing and searching of persons, and molesting women and will the Government be kind enough to help these helpless souls by withdrawing the police at once? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" A serious situation threatened to develop, but we have resolved it."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, have the Government get any proposal to introduce this Act in the Tiruchirappalli district also? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that 92 pannaiyals have been arrested and detained since? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" The hon. Member seems to have latest information. He may pass it on to me."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the recent disturbances around Chidambaram, in spite of the efforts of the Government the tenants there are afraid of the mirasdars of the area and fear that their lands will not be restored to them, will the Government consider the question of immediately extending the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act to Chidambaram and the area around it also, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" The hon. Member is very much anticipating me. It is under the very active consideration of the Government now."

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Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was just now saying that a serious situation was about to develop but that the Government had put it down. May I know, Sir, how and what steps the Government took to put down the serious situation?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We averted the situation by peaceful and non-violent means."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the serious situation which threatened has not yet abated, that it is still continuing and that with the aid of the police the Government did not use non-violent methods but used lathis to repress these agitating tenants?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the police are there as a stand-by. The mirasdars rose to the occasion; they were very magnanimous and the tenants also were reasonable and the whole thing was resolved."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, are the Government aware that even after the settlement, a number of mirasdars are getting the help of the police for the purpose of going back upon the agreement and imposing on the peasants the settlement on the basis of 33 1/3 per cent instead of the 66 2/3 per cent which was agreed upon?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Simply because the police are there, the hon. Leader of the Opposition should not think that the mirasdars are using them."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister prepared to conduct an enquiry into these allegations? We are prepared to prove the allegation that the police are being utilized for the purpose of imposing the settlement on the workers which is less advantageous to them?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the hon. Member is imagining that we will encourage such a thing, he is mistaken. We promise to see that no misuse is made of the police, whether it be by the mirasdars or by anybody else."

Sri A. RATHINAM :—" I have received a telegram from Chidambaram in this connexion demanding the release of 90 peasants who were already arrested, at least on bail. I have got a copy of it with me which I pass on to the Minister."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question of interrupting judicial procedure cannot be taken up in this way. That must be gone into quite separately."